

ASIAN GIANT HORNET STAKEHOLDER UPDATE #9 – JULY 24, 2020

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NEW CONFIRMED DETECTIONS

No new confirmed detections to report.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST TRAPPING UPDATE AND TIPS

A quick shout-out to all you citizen scientist trappers. Together, you have put up over **1300** traps. Thank you for your awesome work and commitment to this project!

Here are a couple of tips based on questions/submissions we've received:

- 1) **Please don't sort your trap contents.** If you think you see a bee, wasp, or hornet, send the entire rinsed contents of the trap (including other insects, like moths, flies, etc.) If something besides an insect sneaks into your trap (we're looking at you, Mr. Mouse) please include a note with your trap submission but don't send it in.
- 2) **Include the trap number and collection date in the subject line of your email.** When sending in a photo of your trap contents, putting the trap number and collection date in the subject line saves a TON of time for our very limited staff who are trying to log your trap contents.
- 3) **Empty the trap contents and rinse in the strainer BEFORE taking a photo of your week's catches.** We've had some people taking photos of the specimens while still in the orange juice mixture. Be sure to dump it out into the strainer and rinse the insects with water before taking a photo. This will also help you see if there is a bee, wasp, or hornet in the trap, in which case you should send the entire collection in to WSDA or to a drop-off site.

WHAT ARE WE CATCHING?

We have data from 1198 citizen scientist traps, and have five full boxes of mailed samples still to be processed! This is in addition to the hundreds of traps managed by WSDA. We have identified eight species of yellowjacket so far, most of which were one of three species: *Dolichovespula maculata*, *Dolichovespula arenaria*, and *Vespula pennsylvanica*. Only a few handfuls of bees have been found in all of these traps, indicating that the traps aren't very attractive to these pollinators.

NEW DROP-OFF LOCATIONS ADDED

We've added new drop-off locations where you can submit your weekly trap catches. See the chart below for current locations. You can always find the most up-to-date [drop-off locations on our website](#). We plan to add more sights in the near future. If you have a suggestion for a potential drop-off location, please email hornets@agr.wa.gov.

LOCATION	DROP-OFF HOURS	NOTES
Ferndale Portal Way Farm & Garden 6100 Portal Way Ferndale, WA 98248	Mon - Sat: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday: 10:30 am - 4:30 pm	Place in blue cooler outside of the business
WSU Bellingham Extension Office 1000 N Forest St #201 Bellingham, WA 98225	Mon - Fri: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Place in the box inside the plastic shed next to the building shed located off N Forest St.
Lummi Island Heritage Trust 3560 Sunrise Road Lummi Island WA 98262	Mon - Fri: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Place in cooler outside the door.
WSU Mount Vernon Extension Office 16650 State Route 536 Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Mon - Fri: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Place in cooler outside the main doors.
Anacortes Parks and Recreation 904 6th St Anacortes, WA 98221	Mon - Fri: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Place in cooler outside. If not there, ring door bell.

WSU Jefferson County Extension 121 Oak Bay Road Port Hadlock WA 98339	Mon - Thur: 8:00 am - 10:00 am	Place in cooler outside the main doors.
Pacific Rim Institute 180 Parker Road Coupeville WA 98239	Mon - Fri: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Place in cooler outside the main doors.
WSU Friday Harbor Extension Office 221 Weber Way Suite LLC Friday Harbor, WA 98250	Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Place in cooler outside the main doors. If you are located on Orcas or Lopez and are interested in a dropping off samples please contact brook.brouwer@wsu.edu and we can look into other locations for pick up.
Washington State Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Building 1111 Washington St SE Olympia, WA 98501	Mon – Thur: 8:00 am - 12 pm	Place in cooler outside the main visitor entrance.

ASIAN GIANT HORNETS ON CBS SUNDAY MORNING

CBS Sunday Morning will be airing an extended feature on Asian giant hornets this coming Sunday, July 26. The feature piece will be about six minutes long and feature Ted McFall (beekeeper who reported a suspected Asian giant hornet hive kill last year), Chris Looney from WSDA's entomology lab, and even a citizen scientist trapper!

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/this-week-on-sunday-morning-july-26-2020/>

THANKS TO THE WASHINGTON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL FOR OUTREACH SUPPORT

Since the [Washington Invasive Species Council](#) (WISC) received the initial report of Asian giant hornet and submitted it to WSDA for verification, they have been extremely supportive of the effort to educate the public and take the necessary steps to eradicate Asian giant hornet. WISC has regularly posted about Asian giant hornets on their social media channels as well as covered the topic in their council meetings.

Now WISC has stepped up to financially support the outreach efforts as well. They contributed \$3,000 toward the cost of billboards in Whatcom County to help raise awareness and encourage reporting of Asian giant hornets.

We at WSDA would like to thank WISC for their active partnership and financial support of the Asian giant hornet project!

ASIAN GIANT HORNET TRAINING FOR WSU MASTER GARDENERS

WSDA is partnering with the Washington State University Master Gardeners to provide a training specifically for Master Gardeners who might be answering questions or receiving suspected Asian giant hornet specimens from clients.

The training will take place on August 11 at 10 a.m. Master gardeners who are interested in participating in this webinar should contact their program coordinator for information on how to attend the training.

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- Join the [Asian giant hornet Facebook group](#).
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